

The presidency of the United States was a very different job in 1823. The President was almost always a wealthy man from a wealthy family. This was changed when an orphan who was stubborn as Hickory was elected to the position in 1828.

### Andrew Jackson: Friend or Foe

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My objective today is that the class is able to judge whether Andrew Jackson helped or hurt the United States government.

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First, some background on Andrew Jackson. Andrew Jackson was born on March 15, 1767 in Waxhaw, South Carolina to his mother Elizabeth Jackson, however she died when Andrew was 14 leaving him orphaned at a young age for his father Andrew Jackson Sr. died 14 days prior to his birth. He became a hero in the War of 1812 where he led a troop from Tennessee into battle.

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In 1824, Andrew Jackson decided to run for president of the United States. He faced John Quincy Adams (Son of John Adams), Speaker of the House Henry Clay, and Secretary of the Treasury, William Crawford. He lost the Election after Henry Clay endorsed the campaign of John Quincy Adams. Although Jackson won the most Popular and Electoral votes, John Adams was elected President of the United States.

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In 1828, Jackson returned to put his name on the ballot once again. He ran a campaign as not only a man of the people, but one of the people. In the 1828 election,

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three times as many people voted than in 1924. Most of these new voters supported Jackson. He easily defeated John Quincy Adams.

The Inauguration. Inauguration Day started like any other for Jackson. He was at the bar with friends. When he arrived at the white house, he was surprised to see a mob of people. This was a result of Jackson's invitation to the "Inauguration Party." All were invited to this event celebrating the new president. It resulted in mass chaos. Men got into fights while women fainted. This was what John Quincy Adams supporters were afraid of.

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While not everyone is a fan of Andrew Jackson, it is true he majorly changed the position of president. He was the first to bring in an entirely new staff and firing the entire previous one. After this election, more candidates ran campaigns as regular people. And the most influential action that Andrew Jackson took was establishing the Democratic Party, which is the party of current president, Barrack Obama.

The answer to my objective, did Andrew Jackson help or hurt the presidency is that there is no true answer, for it is a matter of opinion. Yet I believe that he did improve the position, because he made it what it is today.

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My topic relates to the Unit theme of challenges through the challenges that Andrew Jackson faced on his road to presidency, especially the "corrupt bargain" between John Quincy Adams and Henry Clay which kept Jackson out of office in 1824.

In the end, Andrew Jackson made the president less of a king, which is was intended to be in the first place.